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Art Unit:

For: DEVICE FOR FASTENING OR ADJUSTING PARTS

Docket No.:

OF A GARMENT, SHOE OR OTHER ACCESSORY

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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C.

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

A clean version of the amended claims is provided herewith in Attachment A. It will be noted that the claims have been amended relative to the previously provided version as shown by the marked up version thereof in Attachment B provided herewith.

## REMARKS

By this Amendment, the claims have been rewritten to reduce the multiple dependencies.

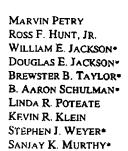
Further and favorable action is solicited.

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Inventor: SITBON

In accordance with our telephone conversation of earlier today, faxed herewith is a corrected first page of the transmittal letter (which corrects the application number) as well as a copy of the preliminary amendment which also transposed the application number.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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